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Applicants: Harry C. Dietz Art Unit: 1635
Application No.: 09/163,289 Examiner: M. Schmidt
Filed: September 29, 1998
Title: DELIVERY CONSTRUCT FOR ANTISENSE NUCLEIC ACIDS AND
METHODS OF USE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2000, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 13 as follows:

1. A nucleic acid construct for suppressing gene expression comprising:
- [a] an unmodified 5' stem loop structure;
 - an antisense nucleic acid; and
 - [a] an unmodified 3' stem loop structure.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, January 26, 2001 , in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.	
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